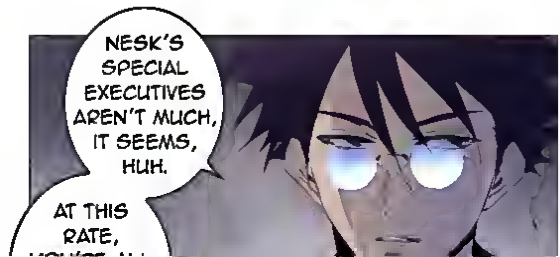
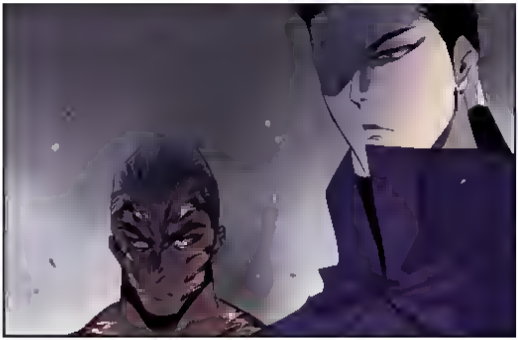
YOU GOT IN SO EASILY..
RUMMBLE
DIDN'T SHED ANY BLOOD.


NESK'S SPECIAL EXECUTIVES AREN'T MUCH, IT SEEMS, HUH.
AT THIS RATE,

YOU'RE ALL GONNA DIE BY GIRON'S HANDS.



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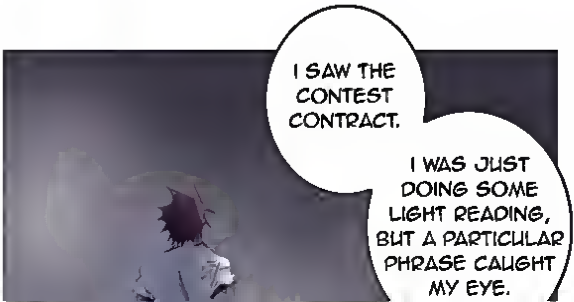
THREE BEHIND

WHERE ARE THEY?


I SAW THE CONTEST CONTRACT.
I WAS JUST DOING SOME LIGHT READING, BUT A PARTICULAR PHRASE CAUGHT MY EYE.

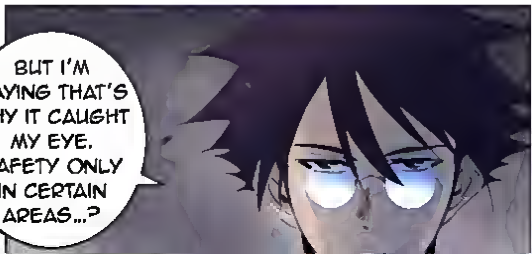
SOMETHING ABOUT HOW HUMANS' SAFETY IS ONLY GUARANTEED IN PERMITTED AREAS
A CONTRACT HERE IS LAW
IT HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL ONE'S

ACTIONS.

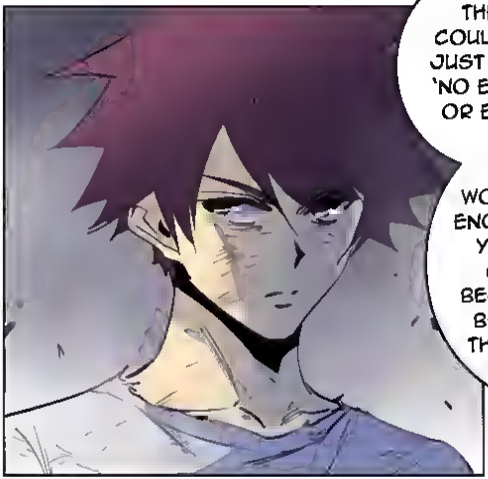
FOR EXAMPLE, "PERSON A CANNOT SIT IN A CHAIR."

THEN A REALLY PHYSICALLY CANNOT SIT IN A CHAIR, UNTIL THE CONTRACT IS UP...

THAT'S THE POWER OF CONTRACTS. NOT THAT YOU AREN'T AWARE...



BUT I'M SAYING THAT'S WHY IT CAUGHT MY EYE. SAFETY ONLY IN CERTAIN AREAS...?


THEY COULD'VE JUST SAID, 'NO ENTRY OR EXIT.'
THAT WOULD'VE BEEN ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU HUMANS CONTAINED. BECAUSE YOU'D BE BOUND BY THE CONTRACT.

HOWEVER, THAT'S NOT WHAT GIRON DID.
STOMP
STOMP
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

POSSIBLY COULD HE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A SITUATION LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN?
IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY

TO TRAP YOU IF YOU LEAVE YOUR SAFETY...

THAT'S PLUTO DEUROS... AND THE OTHER MEINS ARE PRETTY DARN STRONG, TOO.

THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR YOU, SIHOON.
DOESN'T MATTER.
WE TAKE

AND WE SAVE THE WOMEN.

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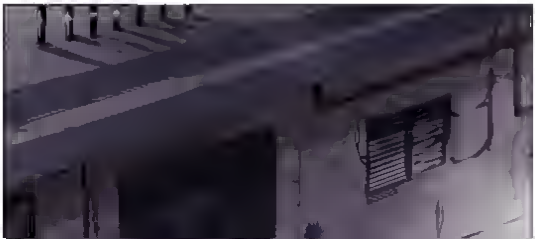
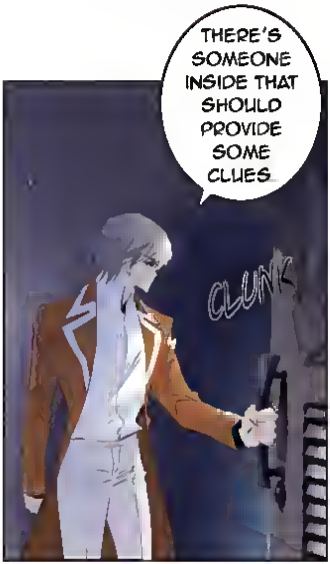
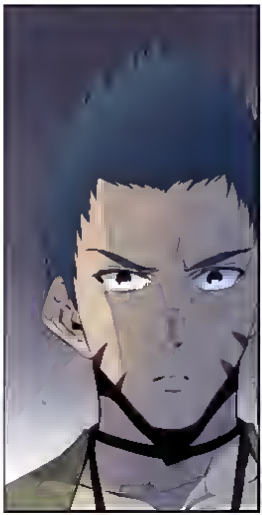


WHERE ARE WE?

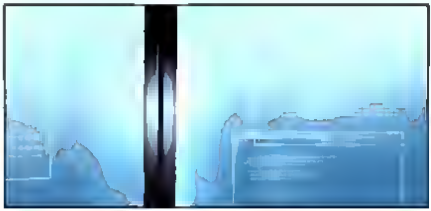
WE'VE COME TO FIND SOOIN AND CYNTHIA.


THERE'S SOMEONE INSIDE THAT SHOULD PROVIDE SOME CLUES.
CLUNK



CREEAK

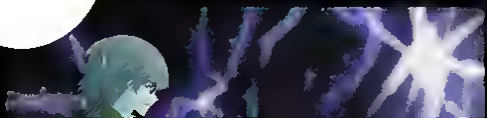
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.



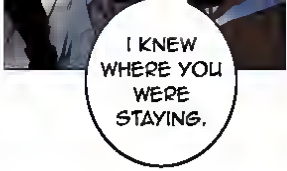
BUT HE IS...
YES, THE ONE THAT LOST TO ME IN ROUND 1...

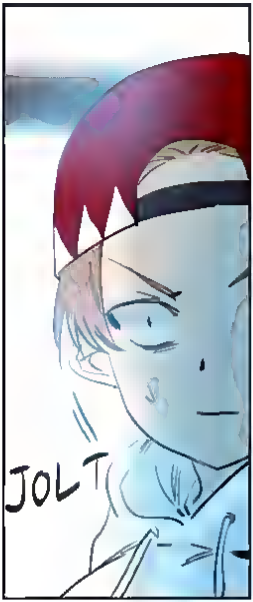
WITH THE POWER TO HACK INTO BRAINS

ZATE.



FAUST?! HOW THE HELL ARE YOU HERE...?


I KNEW WHERE YOU WERE STAYING.


JOLT

YOU DIDN'T...!!
RIGHT. IT WASN'T LONG BUT I

SEARCHED YOUR MEMORY.
WHOOSH
I SAW YOUR LOCATION AND SOME OTHER PRIVATE DATA DURING OUR FIGHT.
THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF YOUR BODY,
YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES...
ARGH!! WHAT THE HELL!!

GET OUT!!
JAB
IF YOU JUST GIVE ME INFORMATION THAT I WANT, THEN I WILL.

CURRENT LOCATIONS OF NESK COMPANY'S SECRET HIDEOUTS, AND
MEIN CITY SURVEILLANCE DATA.
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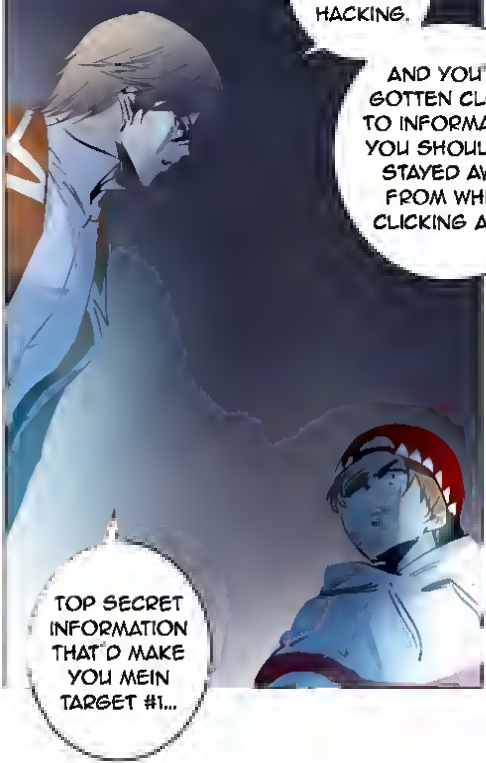
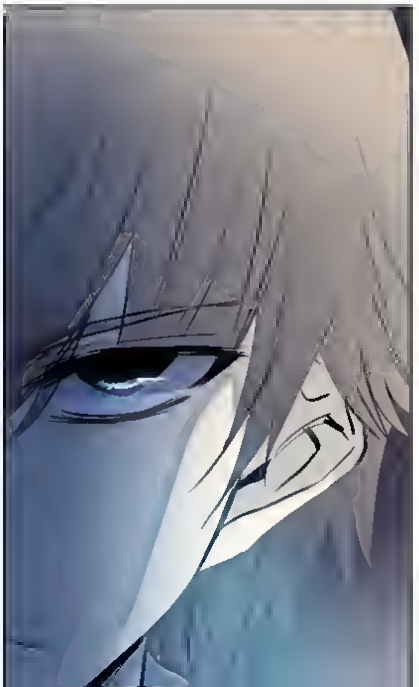
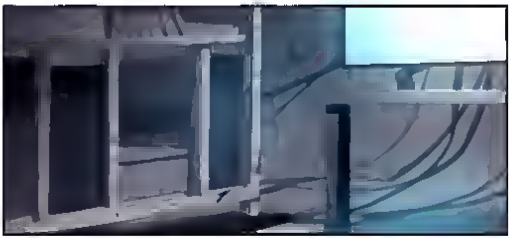
YOUR SPECIALITY IS


HACKING.
AND YOU'VE GOTTEN CLOSE TO INFORMATION YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED AWAY FROM WHILE CLICKING AWAY.
TOP SECRET INFORMATION THAT'D MAKE YOU MEIN TARGET #1...

I DON'T HAVE TIME.
DO NOT MAKE ME RESORT TO ALTERNATIVES.

CHILL





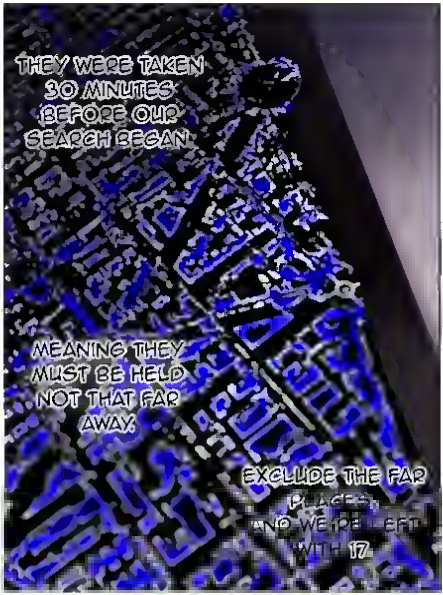
HERE

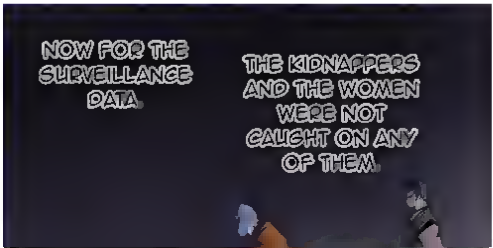
SWISH

THAT'S ALL THEN, RIGHT?
DON'T EVER COME BACK
I'LL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

FLIP

SOME 100 HIDEOUTS.
ONE OF THEM MUST BE WHERE THEY'RE KEEPING THE WOMEN.
THEY SPREAD AN ODOR TO THROW OFF THE KERBEROS.
THERE ARE 30 PLACES FOR WHICH NO SCENT WAS LEFT, WHICH LEAVES 70.
IF WE REMOVE PLACES THE KERBEROS AND KAROS SEARCHED, THAT'S 53 REMAINING.


THEY WERE TAKEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE OUR SEARCH BEGAN.
MEANING THEY MUST BE HELD NOT THAT FAR AWAY.
EXCLUDE THE FAR
AND WE'RE LEFT
WITH 17.


NOW FOR THE SURVEILLANCE DATA.
THE KIDNAPPERS AND THE WOMEN WERE NOT CAUGHT ON ANY OF THEM.

MEANING THEY TOOK A ROUTE THAT ISN'T SURVEILLANCED
ONLY 3 PLACES THAT ARE IN CAMERA BLIND SPOTS.

OF THESE, TWO HAVEN'T BEEN IN USE.
SO THAT LEAVES... JUST ONE.

IF I CAN BUY JUST A BIT MORE TIME
KAROB AND HEROS WILL BE ABLE TO GET TO THEM
BUT WHO WILL TIME FAVOR?

CRASH

CRASH
CRASH
CRASH
CRASH
CRASH
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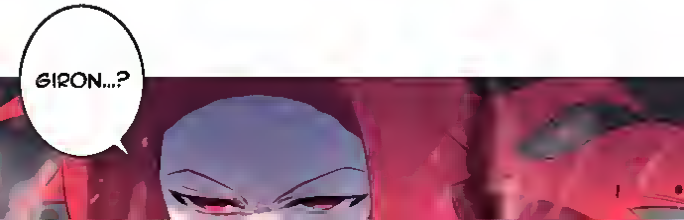
RUMBLE

TALL BUILDINGS AREN'T GREAT FOR FIGHTS.
LET'S CONTINUE DOWN ON THE GROUND.

WE FINISH THEM BEFORE THE CEO GETS BACK.


GIRON...?

SWOOOSH
I GUESS YOU GUYS ARE AFRAID OF HIM, BUT NOT ME?
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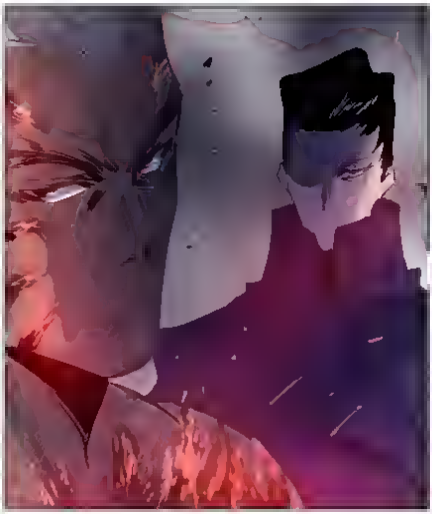
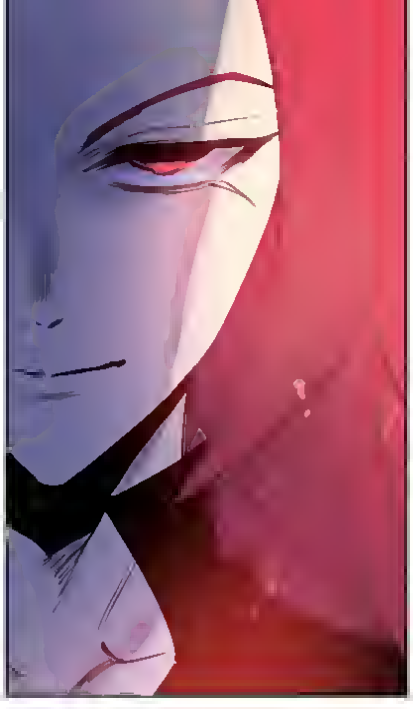
YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT ARCHDEVILS ARE LIKE. LET ME REFRESH YOUR MEMORY.





STOMP
BACK OFF.
MEPHISTOPHELES IS NOT YOUR MATCH.

YOU AGAIN, DEUROS?

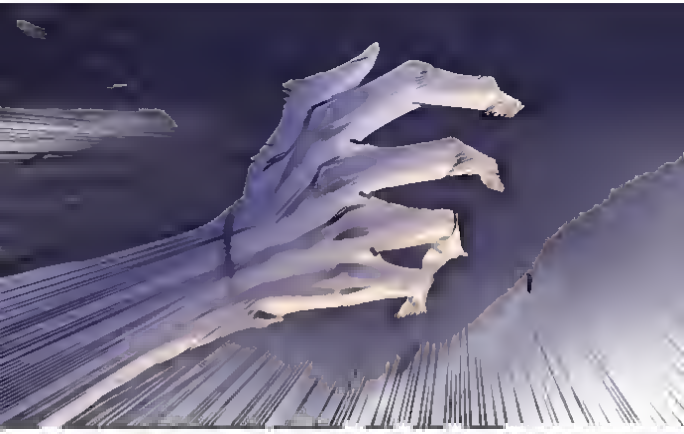
FIGHTS ARE TOO COMMON.

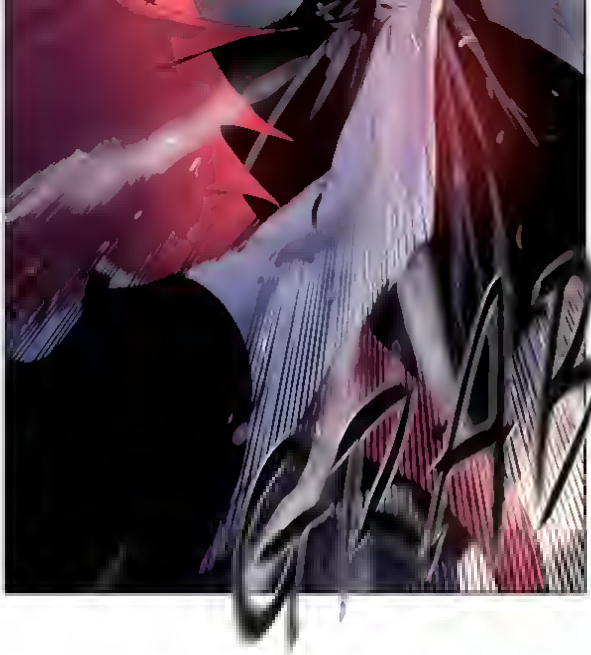
A FIGHTER ARCHDEVIL PREFERS 1-ON-1, DOESN'T HE?

I LIKE TO WORK ALONE AS WELL.

OH YA?

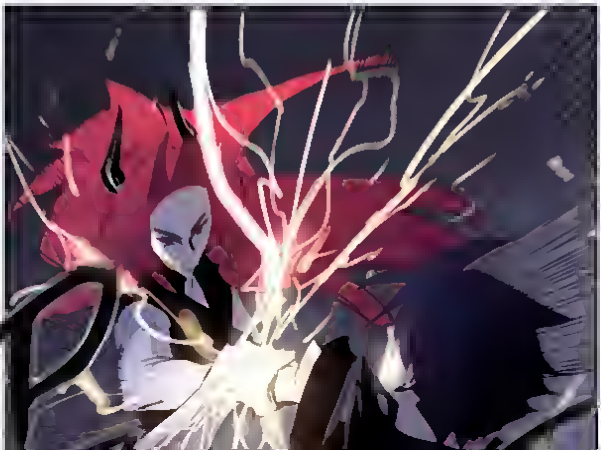
SO YOU ALSO KNOW I'M ENJOYING THIS THE MOST?!
A FIGHT, WON, AFTER A LONG DUEL?
I HAVE NO INTENTIONS TO DIE BY A DEVIL...

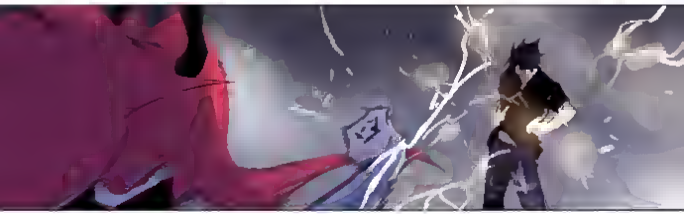


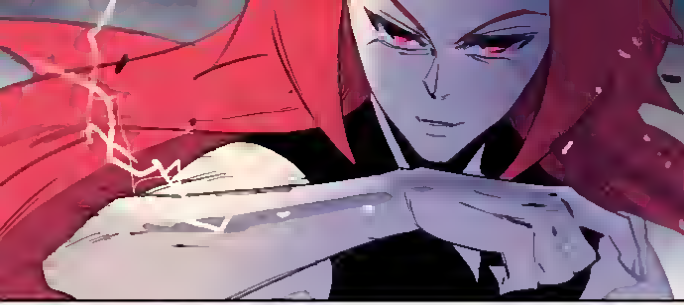

GRAB

THAT'S FOR ME TO DECIDE.
MAY YOU BURN AND BURN AGAIN.

...
NO THANKS.







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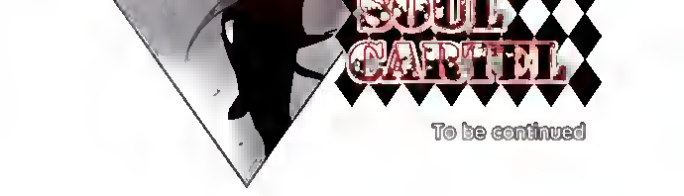

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